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PROGRAM

The program for the meeting September 5th will be presented by Calvin Graff W5LFM and his subject will be Sound of Space; Sun, Satellite, Moon and Meteor. Cal will have some actual recordings of these sounds that he will play for us during his talk. He is an electronic engineer for the Air Force and has done quite a bit of research in this field.

The meeting September 19th will be mostly taken up by the election of officers for the coming year. Be sure and don't miss it.

LADIES' NEWS

The newly elected officers for the ladies' club are as follows: Aileen Turnage, president; Ella Loos, vice-president; Leona Crump, secretary-treasurer.

The newest project of the club is to organize a group of ladies who are interested in the "Red Cross first aid course." Plans are to take the ten hour course sometime in late September. Anyone interested, contact one of the officers for further information. The July party was given by Ray and Jeannine Wangler. In August we enjoyed an ice-cream party given by Theo and Neline Jett.

We have some very interesting programs planned for the future. Some of them are new sewing tips, arrangements of fall flowers, Mexican folk art, to name a few. So please come and join us. For the first meeting in each month we have a scheduled program and door prizes, and for the second meeting of each month, we have game night. Our meetings are held at the Gunter hotel, first and third Friday nights at 8:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY NEWS

On the 8th of August a Races Drill was held on 29.6 Mc beginning at 8:00 p.m. Approximately 15 stations or mobile units took part. Weekly check in time for the local emergency mobile units is each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7:30 on 29.6 Mc. If you have facilities to transmit and receive on this frequency your attendance will be appreciated.

There are still a few application forms left for the AREC Program. Be sure and get yours before the supply is exhausted. This may be your last chance to take advantage of this tremendous offer. Call DI 4-5545 or write R. B. Wangler, 238 Cliffwood Drive, immediately or you may be left out.

73,
Ray W5EDZ

GUTTER DOPE

Those of you who missed the Oklahoma convention sure missed a lot of excitement. I'll bet Oklahoma will be a long time trying to forget the Texas delegation. While waiting for the doors to open for the banquet everyone sang the Eyes of Texas in the lobby of the Biltmore, led by none other than Governor Loos.

It has been rumored that W5HVU and W5ZED have signed up for Dale Carnegie's course.

Derwin King, Ray Garran, and Walt Gunkel recently passed their extra class examination. Derwin, Walt, and Ernie Brown are building some beams following the information that was presented to us at the last couple of meetings. Cole Crump has sold his DX-100, and has ordered a new Heathkit transmitter with a side band adapter.

MOBILE

By W5EJT

Are you air conditioned? They say it makes mobiling more enjoyable. It sure would help this month.

The mobile transmitter hunt was held in New Braunfels with a picnic and swim later at Camp Warnecke. W5VPQ was the winner and will hide for the next hunt, W5OZQ was second. A new miniature mobile is on the road—W5LFG is loading down a Renault with ham gear. A new mobile on 75 working the morning run is K5ASD Frank using an RCA AVT 112 transmitter and Gonset converter; also heard in the mornings is K5EMO. W5GIU is putting in a good signal from Freer. The two meter mobile gang is picking up new members slowly. Some of the gang are W5VPQ, LFG, RSD, JWV, LVE, and KCR. W5DKF has finished his 80 meter mobile set-up.

SIX METERS

Six meter activity in San Antonio is on the upswing due to band openings, and newcomers to the ranks. New states and countries are constantly being added to the WAS aspirants list.

New beams, converters, receivers, and transmitters are being talked about on the (local) band. Tht latest news is a six element wide spaced beam.

Mobile activity is picking up on six, more and more amateurs are becoming acquainted with six meters. The hot poop is that an emergency net on six is in the offing. C U on 6

Newt K5PIB

WEST GULF DIVISION ELECTIONS

Do not forget the elections coming up for Director and Vice-Director of the West Gulf Division of the ARRL. We are reminded of this by the following communication from our present director Grady Payne W5ETA. "Shortly after being appointed assistant director of the West Gulf Division, it became apparent that there was a great need for a program to stimulate interest in the ARRL and for a drive toward increasing membership in the league. There existed a need for stimulation of interest in clubs, and club affiliation. After being elected director this need became more and more apparent.

"I have concentrated my efforts on the above mentioned subjects at every opportunity, and while there is evidence of increased membership, new club affiliation, and increased interest in league affairs in general, there is a lot of work yet to be done. In order to have the opportunity to complete the job that I have started, I have agreed to be a candidate for re-election as your director for the next two years. Your support in the forthcoming election will be greatly appreciated.

Grady Payne
W5ETA

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Mixed emotions: Ham seeing his mother-in-law backing over a cliff in his new Cadillac with KWM-1.

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JULY 1958 CONVENTION NEWS

Well, the delegation from San Antonio has returned, and we can all tell you the Texans outnumbered the Oklahomans 3 to 1. The Gene Jank's came back with the most loot with a beam rotator, code oscillator, and ½ price on a Pierson KE-93; so Gene was pretty pleased. George Munsch (VPQ) had his same crew on the transmitter hunt, George Loos (LFG), Allen Durst (PVI), and guests Johnnie Brummer (LVE) and Gene Jank (EJT). It was because of old second best that they came in for second prize, the transmitter was hidden at the zoo in a baby carriage. The group still thinks they should have won first prize, being the only ones who drove right to the hidden transmitter even though the zoo officials were not too happy with the tire tracks across the lion pits, nor the excitement caused by a red and white animal which the bystanders stared at more than the animals in the cages! The Friday nite party was a howling success. Those attending were Gene & Ruth Jank, George & Ella Loos, Frances & Johnnie, Allen Durst, Charlie & Mary Lou White, George Munsch, Jimmie Reeves, Bill Case, Sgt. Roland Belk & XYL, and the C. B. Morrison's from Uvalde. You might also ask Red (GUH) and Regular how the party was.

We thought Johnnie (LVE) was looking a bit thin not being able to get any Lone Star, but the group from here had taken along an adequate supply which they shared with him. They just didn't go for that 3.2 river water. We are not mentioning where the convention was held for various reasons, but possibly Bill (FNA) can tell you why. All in all we had a great time and are looking forward to going to Galveston next summer for the West Gulf and National combined.

Ella Loos (TSE)

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DX

By W5LUU

It's history now, but some of the bigest pileups heard recently were caused by the Clipperton Island Expedition, FO8AT. They were on for a couple of weeks working fone and CW on both 20 and 15 meters with a very good signal. If you were lucky enough to work them, send QSL with stamped self-addressed envelope to W6KSM.

Local DXer W5LGG has recently been operating KX6CI, we hear. He should be back home shortly.

Heard some of the top DXers calling an AC4AX around 14100 the other morning. The AC4 was not heard and didn't hear anyone actually working him at that time, but it would pay to keep a lookout for him. Tibet is still about the rarest of the rare.

Also heard several fone stations calling FU8AD around 0700 on 20 metros.

Some of the recent better ones worked here on 20 CW are KB6BJ (14030, 2330), FO8AC (072, 0020), VKOKT (040, 0655), and VU2AJ (020, 0715). All times CST.

Ten is beginning to show signs of life again with lots of Africans, South and Central Americans coming through on some days. This band should really be hot again this Fall and Winter.

73 and good hunting until the next time.

MILITARY AFFILIATE RADIO SYSTEM

During the past months the following changes have taken place in the Air Force Mars Program locally. A Zone Director for the 10th Air Force has been appointed. Mr. R. E. Armstrong AF5RIH is now the Zone 8 Director covering Texas and Louisiana. This was followed by the appointment of Net Managers for the low frequency nets and Net Supervisors for the VHF Nets. In the San Antonio area R. B. Wangler AF5EDZ was appointed Net Manager of Net 8 D and Net Supervisor of Net 86.

During the recent ARRL Convention in Oklahoma City meetings were held with the 10th AF Mars Director and the members attending the contion. Also during the week of 10 August a meeting was held of all MARS Directors in the Air Force MARS Program. This meeting was held in Washington during the national convention.

NOTICE: ALL MEMBERS OF TEXAS NET 8D, IT IS PLANNED TO HAVE A MEETING IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO TALK OVER THE NET IN DETAIL AND FINAL DATES AND TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

73,
Ray AF5EDZ

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